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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn Re Application of:
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:Examiner: Susy N Tsang-Foster

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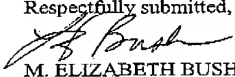
Title: Electrolyte System and Energy
Storage Device Using SameHonorable Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Examiner Susy N Tsang-Foster of the USPTO held a personal interview with Applicant's representative, M. Elizabeth Bush, on December 2, 2003. Applicant's representative showed to the Examiner a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation of Applicant's invention. All claims filed on November 13, 2003 were discussed. The following references of record were discussed: Narang, Arai, and JP10-01172.

Applicant concurs with the Examiner's Interview Summary. As stated in the Summary, the prior art of record does not appear to disclose a meniscus between the nonaqueous liquid electrolyte solution and the flame retardant material or an energy storage device having a flame retardant material that is liquid at room temperature and pressure and substantially immiscible in the nonaqueous electrolyte solution and not present in the region defined by the separator. The presentation showed a clear meniscus formed between the flame retardant material and the nonaqueous liquid electrolyte solution. The presentation also showed a difference in battery performance with respect to the order of adding electrolyte or flame retardant where adding electrolyte solution first gives a higher discharge capacity and lower resistance and adding flame retardant that is immiscible with the nonaqueous electrolyte solution first gives lower discharge capacity and higher resistance.

Agreement with respect to the claims was not reached.

Respectfully submitted,



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